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1. MISSION WELCOMES VIEWS AND GUIDANCE GIVEN REF B, IN

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WHICH US MISSION AUTHORIZED TO USE JUDGMENT IN DECIDING ON

CURRENCY OF PAYMENT FOR MILITARY PROCUREMENT BILLS IN ITALY.

2. AT MEETING OF MILITARY FINANCE OFFICERS IN ROME JANUARY 24, QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT, GIVEN CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE SITUATION IN ITALY, US COMMANDS SHOULD, AS GENERAL RULE, MAKE PAYMENTS ON PROCUREMENT BILLS IN ITALY IN ITALIAN LIRE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT SPECIFIC CASES MAY ARISE WHEN PAYMENT IN DOLLARS MIGHT BE PREFERABLE (E.G., WHEN PROCUREMENT CONTRACT CONCERNS SERVICES TO BE SUPPLIED BY ITALIAN CONTRACTOR OUTSIDE ITALY, IN WHICH CASE CONTRACTOR WOULD NORMALLY EARN FOREIGN EXCHANGE).

3. WE SUGGEST THAT MILITARY REGULATIONS BE REVISED AS REQUIRED TO REFLECT GENERAL RULE THAT PAYMENTS BE MADE IN LIRE, BUT THAT REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FOR DOLLAR PAYMENTS IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES BE SUBMITTED TO TREASURY ATTACHE AND MAAG IN ROME. VOLPE

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